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Following please find a Reply to Office Action dated May 24, 2004 regarding the referenced application.

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Title: Optical Tube Assembly Having a Dry Insert and Methods  
of Making the Same

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In response to the Office Action dated May 24, 2004, the following faxed amendment(s) and/or remark(s) are submitted. Applicants respectfully request that this reply be entered into the record as a substantive reply to the outstanding Office Action.